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## Poison Is No Cure For Poison

Level-headed people find it hard to take the John Birch Society very seriously.

Obviously any organization which libels Presidents Eisenhower, Truman and Roosevelt, the late John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Chief Justice Earl Warren and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller as "card-carrying Communists," fellow-travelers or other types of subversives, has leaders who are verging upon the psychotic.

Yet the Justice Department has announced that the activities of this Society have become "a matter of concern to the Attorney General."

As apparently well-balanced, even though extremely conservative, a man as Sen. Barry Goldwater, while decrying such accusations as those above, says he is "impressed" by the organization. And Sen. James O. Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been writing letters saying that the Society is "apparently" a patriotic body.

**THERE'S ONLY ONE** reason that such a patently unbalanced organization could create such a stir. That

is the very real and the justifiable concern of most Americans over the strength of world communism.

This has led many persons to the totally false conclusion that as long as anyone or any group is anti-Communist — or claims to be — then it might be all right, and any of its tactics must be all right.

The growing acceptance of this grave error has led J. Edgar Hoover to publish a signed editorial in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin which carries this warning:

"The job of curtailing and containing communism is one for legally constituted authorities with the steadfast cooperation of every loyal citizen.

"This is neither the time for inaction, nor for vigilante action.

"Attributing every adversity to communism is not only irrational, but contributes to hysteria and fosters groundless fears . . .

Although he did not name the John Birch Society, the timing of this statement and its tenor are such that Mr. Hoover may be the next to be branded a Red by the Society.